

## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

### Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for electronically recording data for a waste route, the method comprising: ~~the steps of~~  
providing a device with data associated with destinations on the waste route; [[and]]  
repeating, for each of the destinations on the waste route, ~~the steps of~~:  
traveling to a destination on the waste route;  
electronically recording an arrival time for the destination on the waste route;  
electronically recording an amount of waste collected for the destination on the waste route; and  
electronically recording a departure time for the destination on the waste route,  
analyzing at least one aspect of the electronically recorded data in order to determine profitability of waste collection for at least one of the destinations of the waste route, the electronically recorded data comprising at least one of the recorded arrival time, the recorded amount of waste collected, or the recorded departure time.
2. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the device is a handheld personal information device.
3. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the data associated with destinations includes addresses for the destinations.
4. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein ~~the step of~~ electronically recording an arrival time is performed by an operator.
5. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein ~~the step of~~ electronically recording an arrival time is performed automatically.
6. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein ~~the step of~~ electronically recording an amount of waste ~~includes the steps of~~ comprises:  
providing an operator with an expected amount of waste for the destination;  
receiving an input by the operator indicating whether the amount of waste equals the expected amount of waste for the destination; and

recording an amount based on the input from the operator indicating whether the amount of waste equals the expected amount of waste for the destination.

7. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein ~~the step of~~ electronically recording a departure time is performed by an operator.
8. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein ~~the step of~~ electronically recording a departure time is performed automatically.
9. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 1, further comprising ~~the step of~~ electronically recording pictorial information for the destination.
10. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 1, further comprising ~~the steps of~~:  
generating the data associated with destinations on the waste route; and  
transferring the data to the device.
11. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 1, ~~further comprising the steps of:~~  
~~transferring the electronically recorded data regarding the arrival times, the amount of waste and the departure times for each of the destinations; and~~

wherein analyzing at least one aspect of the electronically recorded data in order to determine profitability of waste collection comprises analyzing at least one of time at a specific destination, time between destinations, and travel time to dispose of the waste collected at a specific destination ~~regarding the arrival times, the amount of waste and the departure times for each of the destinations.~~

12. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 11, wherein ~~the step of~~ analyzing includes analyzing costs of collecting waste for each destination.

13. (Original) In a system for electronically recording data for a waste route, the improvement comprising:

a program executable by a personal information device (PID), said program comprising a set of instructions for electronically recording data for destinations on the waste route according to the following steps:

electronically recording an arrival time for each of the destinations on the waste route;

electronically recording an amount of waste collected for each of the destinations on the waste route; and

electronically recording a departure time for each of the destinations on the waste route.

14-17. (Canceled)

18. (New) The method as claimed in claim 11, wherein analyzing at least one aspect of the electronically recorded data in order to determine profitability of waste collection comprises analyzing each of time at the specific destination, time between destinations, and travel time to dispose of the waste collected in order to determine a total cost for the waste collected at the specific destination.

19. (New) The method as claimed in claim 18, wherein analyzing in order to determine profitability comprises analyzing costs for time spent at each destination on the waste route.

20. (New) The method as claimed in claim 19, analyzing costs for time spent at each destination on the waste route comprises:

- summing times at each destination on the waste route;
- determining a cost per minute for the waste route based on labor and trucking costs; and
- determining a cost for collecting waste at the specific destination based on the cost per minute, the arrival time at the specific destination, and the departure time from the specific destination.

21. (New) The method as claimed in claim 11, wherein analyzing in order to determine profitability comprises analyzing costs for time spent between destinations on the waste route.

22. (New) The method as claimed in claim 20, wherein analyzing in order to determine profitability comprises analyzing costs for time spent disposing of the waste.

23. (New) The method as claimed in claim 22, wherein the costs for time spent disposing of the waste comprise:

- summing the amounts of the waste collected at each destination at the route;
- determining a disposal cost per yardage of waste collected based on the amounts of waste collected at each destination of the route and the time spent disposing of the waste; and
- determining a cost for the specific destination for travel time spent disposing of the waste based on yardage of the waste collected at the specific destination and the cost per yardage of waste.